24 x 7 basis. Besides, border management has been strengthened by way of tighter immigration controls, border fencing, floodlighting, deployment of surveillance equipments etc.

Demand for formation of new states

†2043. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFA1RS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several demands for formation of new States have been made from different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their number;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to accept these demands; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The Central Government has not received recommendation from any State Government for creation of new States. However, demands and representations have been received from time to time from various individuals and organizations for creation of new States like Telangana in Andhra Pradesh, Vidarbha in Maharashtra, Bundelkhand in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, Bhojpur in East Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Bihar, Saurashtra in Gujarat, Coorg in Karnataka, Koshalanchal in Western Orissa, Gorkhaland in West Bengal, Cooch Behar in West Bengal, Mithilanchal in north Bihar, parts of Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, Purvanchal, Harith Pradesh, Braj Pradesh and Awadh Pradesh comprising various regions of Uttar Pradesh.

(c) and (d) Government takes decision on the matter of formation of new States after taking into consideration all relevant factors. Action by the Government would depend on the felt need and general consensus.

Unemployed youths registered in employment exchanges

2044. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the unemployed youths are not getting jobs even after lapse of a period of more than 15 years of their registration in the employment exchanges;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) the average number of years it takes for the unemployed youths registered in employment exchanges to get employment; and

(d) the number of employment opportunities likely to be created during 2009-10?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) to (c) Number of youth job seekers in the age group of 15-29 years, all of whom may

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